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## Population

Beside the Coorong we discuss  
peak-hour traffic.  
Divide paper by quiet  
doesn't go. There's  
a lode of bigotry just  
waiting to be mined as monster trucks with  
guiltless drivers  
eruct under the morning.

This is our debate  
we are helpless  
adamant beneath canopies like  
"boat people" - one imagines  
*those people* their skin sloughed from a hardwood hull  
prows jutting from a worry of foreheads.  
They are all direction, no surcease until that goal the  
suffusion within an uncomplicated humanity.

But that's not it.  
To shrink with open arms,  
flourish with less  
our fewer children as guardian  
of empty-handed gifts.  
The mantra of enough goes everywhere let  
refugees bring the war stories & whisper peace.  
We can carry that,

the price. Growth & balance  
that human trick-to-be  
when we can't even manage plenty.